

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The fastening of the limiting straps 16 to the upper portion 14 of the gas bag is illustrated in closer detail in FIG. 2. First seams 24, three seams in the example shown here, connect the connecting ring 18, the reinforcement layer 22 and the upper portion 14 of the gas bag 10 firmly with each other. Radially outwards of the first seams 24, a second seam ~~24~~ seam 26 is provided, which only connects the reinforcement layer 22 with the upper portion 14 of the gas bag. The number of seams is not limited to those indicated in the example shown here.